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SUBJECT: US-USSR CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS

1. SOVIET MINISTER-COUNSELOR VASEV CALLED ON EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE TO CONFIRM THAT CIVIL AVIATION DEPUTY MINISTER PAVLOV WILL HEAD SOVIET DELEGATION DURING NEXT ROUND OF TALKS. HE SAID THAT JAN. 24 IS NOT CONVENIENT FOR PAVLOV BUT ADDED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE IS WILLING TO MEET ANYTIME FROM FEBRUARY 15 ONWARD. VASEV SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO POINT OUT: (A) THAT THE USSR IS WILLING TO REEXAMINE US PROPOSALS BUT ALSO HOPES THAT THE US WILL BE WILLING TO REEXAMINE SOVIET PROPOSALS, AND (B) THAT THE USSR DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE US, ON THE EVE OF PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS, HAS TAKEN ACTION TO LIMIT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AEROFLOT OPERATIONS IN THE US, SINCE THE SOVIET SIDE BELIEVES THAT IT HAS COMPLIED TO THE LETTER WITH OUR CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENTS.

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2. ARMITAGE REPLIED THAT: (A) HE WOULD TRY TO HAVE A DEFINITE ANSWER ON THE DATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE; (B) HE DID NOT WANT TO ENTER INTO A DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME ON SOVIET COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENTS, ALTHOUGH HE WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT

THE US REGRETS THE SERIES OF EVENTS BEGINNING LAST YEAR
WHICH SEEMED DESIGNED TO LIMIT PAN AMERICAN OPERATIONS
IN THE USSR; AND (C) THE PRESENT SITUATION IS NOT A HAPPY
ONE, SINCE CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES HAVE DETERIORATED AND THE US BELIEVES IT IS
IMPORTANT TO DEVELOP THOSE RELATIONS WITH MUTUAL BENEFITS
FOR BOTH SIDES.
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